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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

INALA ET AL.

Examiner

Maikhanh Nguyen

Art Unit

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 May 2002.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120**

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**DETAILED ACTION**

1. This action is responsive to communications: Amendment A filed 05/29/2002 to the original application filed 12/14/2000 with divisional filing date 06/01/1999.
2. Claims 1-12 are currently pending in this application. Independent claims 1 and 7 have been amended by Applicant.

**Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103**

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Nazem et al.** (U.S. 5,983,227 – filed 06/1997) in view of **Nehab** (U.S. 6,029,182 – filed 10/1996).

**As to independent claim 1**, Nazem teaches an Internet Portal (Internet 106; col.2, lines 52-57), comprising:

- an Internet-connected server (a client-server system 100... obtains the page from a page server 104 via Internet 106; col.2, lines 51-57 and fig.1); and

- a portal software executing on the server (“my.yahoo.com”, a well-known Internet portal; figs. 1 and 5) including a summary software agent (When a page server receives the URL... it interprets that as a request for the user's custom summary page; col.3, lines 15-48).

While teaching “summarizes the retrieved information for delivery to the subscriber,” (summaries from each of the major news topics can also be stored in the shared memory and viewed by pressing on the news topic header... intelligently display dates 510 customized for a particular user; col.5, line 66-col.6, line 12) Nazem does not explicitly teach:

- maintaining a list of Internet destinations specifically authorized and specified by a subscriber; and

- the summary software agent accesses the Internet destinations, retrieves information personal to the subscribing user, stores the retrieved information at the portal, according to pre-programmed criteria and summarizes the retrieved information for delivery to the subscriber.

Nehab teaches:

- maintaining a list of Internet destinations specifically authorized and specified by a subscriber (A World Wide Web site data retrieval system...stored Web site address information; abstract, lines 1-5); and

- the summary software agent accesses the Internet destinations, retrieves information personal to the subscribing user, stores the retrieved information at the portal, according to pre-programmed criteria and summarizes the retrieved information for delivery to the subscriber (The memory also stores process steps to connect to a Web site and to issue commands within the connected Web site...instructs the Web reader to access the Web site based on the Web site

address information and Web site commands...formats the linear document into a personalized document; abstract, lines 1-22).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Nehab with Nazem because it would have provided the capability for facilitating searching and obtaining information from an Internet Server.

**As to dependent claim 2,** Nehab teaches a configuration and initiation interface for a subscriber to set up and start a summary search (col.9, lines 36-43 & col.10, lines 37-44).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Nehab with Nazem because it would have provided the capability for facilitating searching and obtaining information from an Internet Server.

**As to dependent claim 3,** Nehab teaches the summary searches are configured for individual clients as templates stored and retrieved at the Internet-connected server (col.7, lines 27-34).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Nehab with Nazem because it would have provided the capability for facilitating storing and retrieve information from an Internet Server.

**As to dependent claim 4,** Nehab teaches information retrieved in a summary search is stored to be retrieved by the subscriber (col.10, lines 22-36).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Nehab with Nazem because it would have provided the capability for user(s) to retrieve a summary search.

**As to dependent claim 5**, Nehab teaches information retrieved in a summary search is downloaded immediately to the subscriber (col.10, lines 22-36).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Naheb with Nazem because it would have provided the capability for user(s) to view a summary of the desired information.

**As to dependent claim 6**, Nehab teaches autologins are performed for the subscriber at each Internet site according to a data stored for the subscriber at the Portal (address information and passwords ...in site profile; col.9, lines 4-16).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Nehab with Nazem because it would have provided the capability for avoiding unauthorized users from accessing the system.

**Independent claim 7** is directed to a method for presenting the system of claim 1, and is similarly rejected under the same rationale.

Claim 7, however, further recites "information personal to a subscribing user, stored at WEB sites."

Nehab teaches information personal to a subscribing user, stored at WEB sites (launch Web reader, get user's personal I.D.; fig. 5A).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Nehab with Nazem because it would have

provided the capability for avoiding unauthorized users from accessing the unauthorized information from the Internet.

**Dependent claims 8-12** include the same limitations as in claims 2-6, and are similarly rejected under the same rationale.

### ***Response to Arguments***

4. Applicant's arguments filed 05/29/2002 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues "*there is no teaching in Nazem of anything having to do with secured personal information stored at Web sites visited, information that is personal to the subscribing user.*" (Remark, page 6, lines 24-26)

In response, Examiner contends that Nehab's teaching "launch Web reader," "get user's personal I.D.," "rules" (fig. 5A) meet the limitations as claimed by Applicant.

Applicant argues "*the specific limitations...as amended of the portal maintaining a list of Internet destinations...is clearly not taught or suggested by the art of Nazem.*" (Remark, page 6, line 28- page 7, line 3)

In response, Examiner believes that the combination of Nazem and Nehab teaches the claim limitations. Nazem teaches an Internet Portal (Internet 106; col.2, lines 52-57); and Nehab teaches maintaining a list of Internet destinations in a Website (A World Wide Web site data retrieval system...stored Web site address information; abstract, lines 1-5).

Applicant's arguments regarding to dependent claims 2-4, and 8-12 are not persuasive for reason as discussed above with regards to independent claims 1, and 7.

### ***Conclusion***

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(x). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(x).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Maikhanh Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 306-0092. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 9:00am – 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather R Herndon can be reached on (703) 308-5186. The fax phone numbers for



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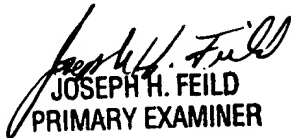
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